Combined Joint Task Force One
Safety Alert 12-013
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On 13 November 2012 a Regional Command – South Soldier was fatally injured and two additional Soldiers received severe injuries due to an explosion while conducting a RIP/TOA inventory. The incident occurred in an ARMAG and preliminary information indicates non-standard storage and handling practices, excessive ammunition and exceeding the NEW for the site license and encroachment issues. The explosion scattered ammunition and explosives over the entire FOB and the ensuing fire spread to an adjoining transient tent.

Leaders must ensure that ammunition and explosives are left in their original packaging until needed. The Net Explosive Weight (NEW) limits authorized on your Certificate of Risk Acceptance (CoRA), DA Form 7632, AUG 2007, must not be exceeded. These limits are set to provide the commander with the proper amount of ammunition needed but also to protect personnel and equipment at that location.

Recent inspections have indicated we have this same issue here in Regional Command – East. Commanders and leaders must ensure non-standard storage and handling practices, excessive ammunition, exceeding the NEW for the site

A&E in excess of storage capability

AT-4 Not Properly Packaged

If you have questions or concerns with your ammunition and explosive programs or storage, please contact your Brigade Safety Specialist or contact the RC (E) Safety office at NIPR 318-431-3016 or 431-4213, email paul.inman@swa.army.mil

Composite Risk Management + Trained Personnel = Safe Storage

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